

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Original) Stripping composition comprising, as active ingredient, at least benzyl acetate and a solvent chosen from methoxypropyl acetate, diacetone alcohol, methyl ethyl ketone, isophorone and the mixture of these.

2. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the proportion by weight of the benzyl acetate varies between 15 and 60% and that of the solvent varies between 4 and 25%, with respect to the total weight of the composition.

3. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 2, ~~characterized in that it~~ wherein the composition comprises 15 to 60% of benzyl acetate, 2 to 15% of diacetone alcohol and 2 to 15% of methoxypropyl acetate.

4. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that it~~ wherein the composition additionally comprises at least one diffusion agent chosen from dipolar aprotic solvents.

5. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the dipolar aprotic solvents are chosen from dimethyl sulphoxide (DMSO), N-methylpyrrolidone, dimethylformamide, acetonitrile, N-methylmorpholine,  $\gamma$ -butyrolactone, dimethylacetamide and their mixtures.

6. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 4, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the proportion by weight of the diffusion agent varies from 5 to 25% with respect to the total weight of the composition.

7. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that it~~ wherein the composition additionally comprises at least one activator chosen from

diethanolamine, diethylenetriamine, dimethylethanolamine, quaternary amines and their mixtures.

8. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the proportion by weight of the activator varies from 0.5 to 4% with respect to the total weight of the composition.

9. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that it~~ wherein the composition additionally comprises at least one plasticizer.

10. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the plasticizer is chosen from dibasic esters.

11. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 10, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the plasticizer is a dialkyl ester or a mixture of dialkyl esters chosen from alkyl glutarates, alkyl succinates and alkyl adipates.

12. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the plasticizer is a dimethyl ester or a mixture of dimethyl esters.

13. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 9, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the proportion by weight of the plasticizer varies from 8 to 25% with respect to the total weight of the composition.

14. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that it~~ wherein the composition additionally comprises at least one inorganic filler.

15. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the inorganic filler is chosen from calcium phosphite, calcium carbonate, calcium hydroxide, clay, bentonite and talc.

16. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 14, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the proportion by weight of the inorganic filler varies from 10 to 40% with respect to the total weight of the composition.

17. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that it~~  
wherein the composition additionally comprises at least one dispersant.

18. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein the dispersant is chosen from fatty alcohol glucosides, polyglucosides of glucose  
~~ester esters~~ and sucrose ~~ester esters~~ type, alkylpolyglucoside ethers, fluorosurfactants derived  
from perfluoroalkylated polyamines, the acidic phosphoric ester of 2-ethylhexanol, and their  
mixtures.

19. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 18, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein the proportion by weight of the dispersant varies from 0.5 to 4% with respect to the  
total weight of the composition.

20. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that it~~  
wherein the composition additionally comprises at least one thickener.

21. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 20, ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein the thickener is a hydroxypropylmethylcellulose ester ~~or a mixture of these~~.

22. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 20 ~~characterized in that~~  
wherein the proportion by weight of the ~~dispersant~~ thickener varies from 0.2 to 3% with  
respect to the total weight of the composition.

23. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that it~~  
wherein the composition is devoid of water.

24. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that it~~  
wherein the composition is in the form of a gel or of a cream.

25. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of~~ A method for stripping, the method comprising:  
obtaining a stripping composition wherein the stripping composition has benzyl  
acetate as active ingredient,  
applying the stripping composition to a material to be stripped, and

scraping the material to be stripped for obtaining a stripping composition.

26. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of a stripping composition~~ The method according to Claim 1 ~~25 for obtaining a~~ wherein the material to be stripped by the stripping composition intended for is upon a the construction field material.

27. (Currently Amended) ~~Use of a stripping composition~~ The method according to Claim 1 ~~25 for obtaining a~~ wherein the stripping composition for the stripping of the strips a lower part of ~~the~~ hulls of boats.

28. (New) The method according to claim 25, wherein the scraping occurs after about 5 minutes to about 48 hours from the applying of the stripping composition.